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Case 8311

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of ::

R.J. Isfort, et al. ::

Serial No. 09/694,519 :: Group Art Unit 1656

Filed October 23, 2000 :: Examiner T. Strzelecka

For METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING COMPOUNDS FOR REGULATING MUSCLE MASS  
OR FUNCTION USING VASOACTIVE INTESTINAL PEPTIDE RECEPTORS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action dated May 23, 2001, which provides a 30 day period for response said response being extended by three (3)-months, pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account in the papers submitted herewith, please consider the following remarks

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please add the following claims

a, sub 27. (New) A method for increasing skeletal muscle mass or function in a subject in which such an increase is desirable, comprising:

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- (a) identifying a subject in which an increase in muscle mass or function is desirable; and  
(b) administering to the subject a safe and effective amount of a compound that acts through the VPAC receptor.

28. (New) A method for treating skeletal muscle atrophy in a subject in need of such treatment, comprising:

- (a) identifying a subject in which an increase in muscle mass or function is desirable; and

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